And pleiades are out of fushion! When we went up to tea that night, The waiter had no sooner seen us Then he came and took the Milky Way He said be 'thought 'twas time to Wenus

And when I asked her for her hand, She answered, looking at the stars, 'I'm pretty sure of Mar's consent; But you may have to tease for Par's." Twas at a famous watering place

That near my telescope I spied her, A Heaven's Body, so complete, I longed to go and sit beshle her. Wimi joy I felt when she approached And on me shyly Castor eyes-Those asure orbs, a Sirious glance

That seems to say "You are so wise!" A conversation then took place (I never knew which one began it) And, while she kept horizon me,

I gave the name of every planet, I pointed out the brilliant stars, And said; "Here's Mercury overhead. She whispered, "We mix that with egg And put it round the hired girl's bed.'

We sat upon a mossy bank, (Beth dead in love, without a doubt) We held each other by the hand And satellites were all put out.

What happy years have passed since ther -Across my sky no clouds arise; My observations are so clear I see The Twins with naked eyes.

HOW HE WON HER.

*Of course, Harry, if you think she really prefers-'Prefers me! that's a mild way o

putting it, Jack,' Henry Wentworth interrupted, throwing his cigar end out of the window, unmindful that where it fell it shone like a star for a moment on Goldsmith's grave.

"Prefers me! why of course she does Am I not younger, richer, handsomer -in fact everything but cleverer than you; and women don't care a cent about brains. Besides, Jack, I love her in a way solemn old bookworms like you have no idea of; and I know she cares for me!'

Then win her, old fellow-if you can; and Heaven bless you both. I know I am not a very formidable rival.'

'No, Jack you would never have the courage to pop the question. Ta ta! I am going out,' cried Wentworth, gaily.

He laughed as he ran down stairs, at the very idea of 'slow' Jack Brisbane aspiring to win Jessie Chalfont.

'And yet she said she honored work. and worshipped genius. So much for a woman's professions!' John Brisbane exclaimed aloud two hours la-

He had been sitting by the open window of the chambers that he shared with Henry Wentworth in Gold-Smith's Buildings

The friends were as much amlike as it was possible for men to be, yet they chummed together very happily.

Brisbane was the younger son of poor, proud barenet, with but a very meager allowance.

Henry was the heir of a wealthy Birmingham manufacturer.

They had known each other as boys, met at school and college.

When Wentworth came to London to study law (more as a reason fair for demanding an increased allowance, than with any serious intention of pursuing the profession,) he begged

to share Brisbane's rooms. He wanted to be anchored to some thoroughly respectable member of

London society, Clever, studious, aristocratic Jack seemed just the person.

He was so good-natured, so preoccupied, so gentle and unassuming, in spite of his long pedigree, that Harry felt he could have his own way, and do much as he liked-and he did.

Jack worked hard and was making his way in literature.

He lived in the temple for many reasons; it was convenient; it was quiet as a 'central peace subsisting at the heart of endless agitation;' it was full of associates, and even of society.

For a student, and dreamer like Jack, the Temple was 'a holy place, and its sad floor an altar, worn till their very steps had left a trace,' by the men he loved.

He keept aloof from the noisy spirits that desecrated the quiet echoing courts and cloisters-from all except Henry, and his worst faults were only follies, and his follies fun.

He was a vain, selfish, and egotistical young fellow, but Jack couldn't or wouldn't see it.

Harry borrowed his collars and handkerchiefs, his books and slippers, smoked his pipes and cigars, and used his perfumes and razors.

In fact he practiced 'what's yours is mine, what's mine is my own.

If a bill came, he cried-'Pay that abomination, will you Jack?' and Jack did, and hear no more about the bill.

All Jack's pleasures were shared with his friend, not even reserving on the balcony, and from thence with by the three greatest living men of the right of visiting Holly Lodge where Miss Challent resided with her stately old father, and alderman and down himself-but only to retnan ingreat city magnate.

He asked permission to bring Harry one day, and to his intense surprise saw that young gentleman as much her. at home in half an hour as he was after years of assiduous, though diffi-

dent attention. Miss Jessie liked hitm, the alderman liked him, even the pompous butler smiled on him in a friendly

Only Tarter, the house dog, refused

to make friends with him. only creature in the house that re- was dreadfully burned.

nained faithful to himself.

A month of visits, informal lunchons, a couple of dinner parties, a few xeursions, a somewhat heavy evenng party, and then Jack thought it could not offer one to his visitors ime to speak his mind to Harry.

He told Harry that he loved Miss head, called him a brave fellow, and Chalfont, and meant to ask her to be then left Jessie, saying he'd call in a

Harry laughed at the idea, and with anblushing affrontery, assured Jack that it was no use, as Miss Jessie unloubtedly preferred him, and the Alling to think, but I can't.' derman thought well of the Birmingham manufacturer, though no doubt away, and I thought I'd like to see the he respected the poor, proud baronet. house once more.' Well, it was really not so wonderful

after all. Harry was certainly a handsome to marry Mr. Wentworth.' young fellow, with plenty to say for aimself, and a good deal of the quali- child. I am not going to marry any ty called by courtesy self-posession- one, Jack till I'm asked." plenty of money in perspective, too.

Jack was too grave and quiet, with ed hands mutely, and Jessie took them a plain face, and no fortune, save all and covered them with kisses. he carried in his massive head. .

young people and their happiness. He would not even mar it by his font loved him, not Harry, and that sad face, or cause suspicion to Jessie by his chance walk to Hampstead of the true state of his feelings, by ab- that night he had won her fir his wife. senting himself from the lodge.

But Jack knew that he could not bear 'to look into the happiness through another man's eyes."

life, stimulant to his work, and the cery" and residence. A woman sat on main secret to his success, was the a soap box, by the door' and to her the hope of winning Jessie.

Now, Jack shrugged his rounded shoulders, packed a few things into am?" his Gladstone bag, locked up his drawers, and resolved to go on a holiday. Any quiet place would do where he could become accustomed to two things, losing what he never pessesed, abouter mile down the road." Harry's finding what he never de-

young gentleman rushing in and out mild this uv hit; er ef yer did, yer at all hours of the day and night, he wouldn't fin' nobody ter home." could never do it.

So he just walked quietly up to the Charing Cross, and calmuly asked for a ticket to Paris.

'Train has just gone sir,' the man replied.

And then Jack put his bag in the cloak room and went out for a walk. examination, Vaguely he rambled about the streets for an hour, then he found himself at Tottenham Court Road.

to Jessie, and the Alderman would be dozing behind the paper. He would just have a look, and see

how it felt-and he smiled at the morbid pleasure of the idea.

But to his intense surprise, when hee reached there the house was quite dark, save far a faint light in Jessie's

'No wonder,' he said aloud;' it's

twelve o'clock. 'What, Tartar, not asleep!' he added, as the huge dog crawled toward him that she is dead?"

and crouched at his feet. And then the night being very lovely, and Jack Brisbane being a sentimentalist and a dreamer, he fell to your wife." composing poetry as he leaned under

the elm on the lawn. Then he pulled out his note book and leaning it against the trunk of the tree, turned his back to the house, and wrote down his verses, a good dozen of them, very sad and bitter, very hopeless and cynical.

When he looked around again there was a very great change in the aspect

of Holly Lodge. Dense clouds of smoke came pouring through the windows, and in a moment more a lurid glare illuminated Jessie's room.

Piercing screams broke shrilly the mid-night quiet.

The house was clearly on fire. A single glance showed Jack where the danger lay.

Climbing up the porch by the aid of creepers and rose-trees he gained a distinguished looking Englishman, little balcony above, and from that who was accompanied by a young lascrambled-how he never knew-to dy of great beauty. the window of Jessie's room.

With one blow he forced the win-

He was not a moment to soon; the whole room was in a blaze, Voices were calling, some one was trying to force open the door.

floor, wrapped in a blanket, which she ter." had the presence of mind to put on

before her senses forsook her. In an instant he had her in his arms, made a dash through the flames ter was born I resolved that she should into the dressing room, which opened never marry until she had been kissed aid of the blanket he let her safely the age. I took her to Caprera, where down on the grass plot, and swung she was kissed by Garibaldi; afterstantly, for he heard the stifled voice Hugo might kiss her, and now I of the Aldernan calling wildly on Jes- bring her to you. Your kiss is all

cried. 'I've got her out by the bal- action in Paris." cony. Come this way.

But the Alderman's voice grew dently touched at the compliment fainter, and once more Jack ventured paid him-and then, stooping, kissed into the blazing room, and rescued the rosy face upturned to him, and

When he saw father and daughter way rejoicing. lying on the grass surrounded by ser-Jack thought sadly that he was the vants, he quietly fainted away, for he A corset is nothing more nor less

A week after, Jessie and her father called at the Temple. Jack was sitting up, but his hands

were still in cotton-wool, so that he But the old man patted him on the

half an hour, he had business in the Law Courts. 'How did you come to save me that Dry GOODS, NOLICES, GROCEFIES night?' said Jessie. 'I have been try-

It was a mere chance. I was going

'Going away?' why she asked, softly.

'Because I thought you were going 'You silly!' and she laughed like a

Jack held out his wool-encumber-

Then they were both silent for a He would not stand between the few moments, while the truth sank deeply into his mind that Jessie Chal-

He Was a Stranger.

A traveler, riding along a lonesome road, in Arkansaw, came to a tum-For two years the daily dream of his bled down log cabin, used as a "grotraveler made his appeal:

"You keep a grocery, I believe, mad-"That's what they call hit," she re-

plied, lazily. "I'm thirsty," he said, briefly. "Dry, air yer? Well, thar's creek

"It doesen't run whisky, does it?" "Well, not hardly, recken. Ef hit With that very communicative did, yer wouldn't fin' this shanty a

"Don't you keep whisky here?"

"Not much." "Ain't this a grocery?"

"In course." "Then why don't you keep it?" Yer a stranger in these parts, hain't yer?" she inquired, after a critical

"Yes, madam." "I thought so; 'cause yer'd never axed me why I didn't keep whisky, ef Acting on a sudden impulse, he re- yer'd knowed the ole man, an' Lize, solved to walk to Hampstead, and take an' Eph. an' Sam, an' Bill, an' my a farewell glance, not at Jessie, but three gals. They're all in thar now, Room over the Postoffice, Johnson but they hain't fitten to see company. Harry would be in the drawing- We jes got a new stock uv licker frum room no doubt, singing, or listening Little Rock, yistiddy evenin'."

Proof Positive.

A convict at a French penal settle- just, or re-build as good as new, any ment, who was undergoing a life sen- machine ever made, tence, desired to marry a female con-It was a fine night, and he saun- viet, such marriages being of frequent tered along slowly to the distant cor- occurrence. The governor of the colner of the Health where Holly Lodge ony had no objection, but the priest proceeded to cross-examine the pris-

"Did you not marry in France?" asked the clergyman.

"Yes." "And your wife is dead?"

"Have you any documents to show "No."

"Then I must refuse to marry you. You must bring proof of the death of There was a pause, during which the prospective bride looked anxiously

at the would-be-bride-groom. Finally he said :-"I can prove that my former wife is

dead?" "How can you prove it?" "I was sent here for killing her."

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"Sir!" exclaimed Castelar.

"Permit me to explain," continued the Englishman. "When my daughsie, and saying that he would die with that is necessary to complete her happiness, as she has promised her heart 'She's safe, sir; she's safe!' Jack to a young fellow who is waiting your

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